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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Bentley et al.

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Art Unit: 2172

For: SYSTEM, METHOD AND COMPUTER  
PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR  
COLLABORATIVE ENGINEERING USING  
COMPONENT AND FILE ORIENTED TOOLS

Examiner: Jean B. Fleurantin

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated January 26, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. With the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination, and Petition for the Extension of Time, Applicants request that prosecution be re-opened and the following Amendment and Arguments considered.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 9 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.